

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEIn re the Application of: **MINECHIKA, Shigekazu, et al.****ATTN: PCT BRANCH**Serial No.: **10/501,331**Group Art Unit: **2655**Filed: **July 22, 2004**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **1662**For: **DISK APPARATUS****RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **January 13, 2005**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

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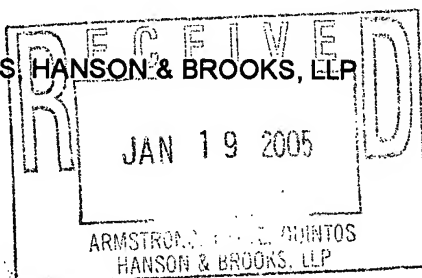
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- Copy of IPE Report filed on 07/22/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/22/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/22/2004
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/22/2004
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 07/22/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/22/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 07/22/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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